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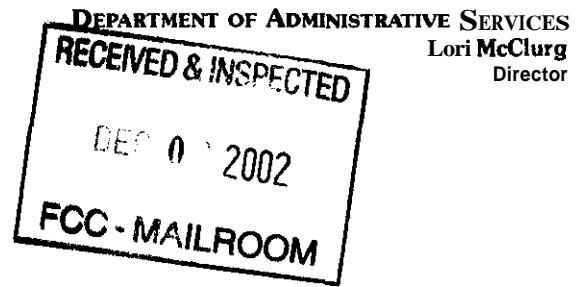
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Mike Johanns
Governor

November 21, 2002

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Lori McClurg
Director

RE: WT Docket No. 02-285 RM-10077, Amendment of Sections 90.20 and 90.175 of the Commission's Rules for Frequency Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in the Private Land Mobile Radio Below-470 MHz Band

Dear Secretary:

As a manager of spectrum for the State of Nebraska, I am supportive of streamlining frequency coordination wherever possible, allowing more equitable access and fostering competition. The NPRM for opening the frequency coordination process to other coordinators in the bands below 470 MHz would be a step in the right direction in reducing processing delays and unnecessary frustration in an already lengthy process. Innovations should begin with the coordinators being permitted access, and working through mutual solutions with the Commission to resolve issues. Providing applicants with more choices, improved efficiency and simplifying frequency coordination will bring a much needed and sought change.

With public safety agencies needing spectrum below 470 MHz for shared systems and interoperability, there is an increasing and compelling argument for this change. The need for collaboration and resource sharing among the many public safety constituencies makes streamlining coordination processes a sensible step toward improvements for public safety applicants. I am also in favor of coordinators working together on information sharing to minimize conflicts that will in fact occur regardless. The Commission should require that the coordinators share information and continue to work toward improvements in information sharing. The Commission should adopt a favorable policy toward these innovations and improvements for promoting better services in public safety spectrum coordination.

Sincerely,

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Michael Jeffres
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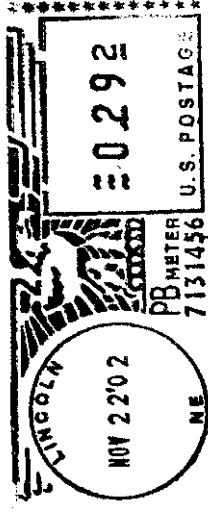
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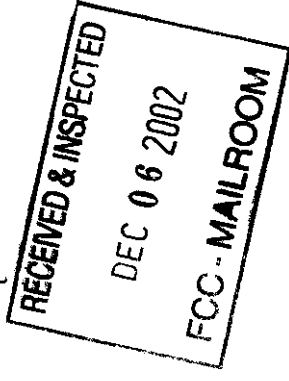
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